

CLAIMS

1 1. A process for firming the skin to counter the effects of
2 aging, comprising applying to the skin of a person in need of
3 the same a cosmetologically effective amount of a composition
4 obtained from wheat proteins by crushing grains of fresh wheat
5 so as to obtain a flour, dissolving this flour in water,
6 hydrolyzing the solution thus obtained in the presence of
7 proteases, separating the soluble and insoluble phases in the
8 hydrolyzed material, and concentrating the soluble phase
9 thereby to concentrate the active principle thus obtained, the
10 molar mass of the different molecular species present having a
11 principal peak at about 15,000 Daltons.

1 2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein said flour is
2 solubilized in an amount of at least 80 g/l of water.

1 3. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conditions
2 of said hydrolysis are such that the pH is maintained
3 constant between 4.0 and 10.0.

1 4. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the conditions of
2 said hydrolysis are such that the temperature is maintained
3 between 35 and 80°C.